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Today is the second anniversary of the illegal closure of the student recreation building. Pictured above are security guards preparing to fend off the onslaught of protesters. The closure occurred after 425 students had staged a sit-in protesting they had been intimidated by four guards who kept surveillance through the window on a party raging inside.

I Smoke It Because I Like It

He smokes it and likes it, and as a result Peter "Pot" Curran has taken his campaign to decriminalize marijuana to Ottawa on the eve of the national Liberal convention.

Curran, a past president of the Atlin, B.C. Liberal Association and a member of the Tunnel and Rock Workers Union, earned the nickname Peter Pot for the work he has done over the last three years in an effort to decriminalize marijuana.

He spent nearly \$2,000 on a glossy booklet, the Peter Pot Paper, titled "an incisive report on the status of cannabis sativa in Canada". He hopes to convince some of the Liberal delegates, especially the youth caucus, that the social cost of current laws regarding marijuana are so high that they must be changed.

Stating the statistics showing the increasing number of people receiving a criminal record for simple

possession, Curran said "the government can no longer remain insensitive to the changes (in society) without incurring damage to itself in one form or another."

He said moderate professional groups, like the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Medical Association, have in one way or another sought to change the law.

He said it is the "Simma Hots of the world" who try to confuse and distort the real facts of the marijuana issue in an attempt to create an atmosphere of hysteria.

Simma Holt, a Liberal MP from B.C., has said that the "Weed of Woe" has caused thousands of young Canadians to go down the "dreary path to insanity, ill health and crime."

Curran says there is sufficient evidence available from the LeDain Commission and a number of United States studies to

show that marijuana is not a deadly drug, but in fact has many positive medical uses.

He blames the lack of government action on some of the Simma Hots who try to use arguments which "have been discredited with virtual unanimity by responsible studies."

Curran was joined at his Feb. 21 Ottawa press conference by George Baker, executive-director of the National Organization for the Reform of the Marijuana Laws in Canada (NORML CANADA). Curran said he supports the position of NORML CANADA that all criminal and civil penalties should be removed for the private possession of marijuana for personal use. He also supports the group's position in favour of the cultivation of marijuana for personal use and the right of non-profit transfers of small quantities of marijuana.

A glowing chance to strike a blow against communism in the thrilling business of banking can be had if you have a few words with Herkimer J. Pennyfarthing, Director of South African operations for the Bank of Montreal.

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Canada at the Crossroads: An Assessment of the Future of Canadian Federation is the theme of a Laurentian University symposium to be held in the Great Hall on Saturday, March 4.

The Hon. Jean-Jaques Blais, Solicitor General of Canada, will present intro-

ductory remarks to officially open the sessions at 9:00 am.

The first session, from 9:15 to 10:30 am, will deal with the Cultural Crossroads: Various Perspectives, with presentations on "An Amerindian View", a "Third Force Perspective", a "Franco-Canadian Outlook", and an "Anglo-Canadian Opinion". The moderator will be Dr. L.G. Bordeleau, Directeur, Ecole des sciences de l'education and the panelists will be: Mr. Ken Bisson, Mrs. Mary Stefura, Reverend Pere Fernand Dorais, and Dr. Wesley Cragg.

The Economic Crossroads will be discussed in the second session from 10:45 am to 12:00 noon, and will deal with "Multi-national Corporations and Canada's Economy", "Unemployment and Regionalism", the "Role of Labour Unions", and the "Origins of the Present Crisis in Canada". Mr. Dick DeStefano of Cambrian College will be the moderator, and on the panel are: Professor Antony M. Ruprecht, Dr. John Elliott, Mr. Elmer McVey, and Professor Daniel Dache (York University).

Monsieur Gerald Godin, membre de l'Assemblee nationale du Quebec, will be the guest speaker at the luncheon, which is scheduled for 12 noon.

Dr. Henry B.M. Best, President of Laurentian University will be the moderator for discussions relating to the Political Crossroads, in the third session, which will run from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Topics will be "Background to the Constitution and Economic Centralization", a "Different Division of Power, Minority Rights and Amendments", "Economic Cost of Decentralization", and the "Right of Self-Determination and Political Concepts of Decentralization".

Members of this panel will be: Mr. Elmer Sopha, Q.C., Monsieur Andre Lacroix, Professor Enid Barnett, and Dr. Vincent deNorcia.

The public is cordially invited. There is no charge for attendance at the sessions. Luncheon tickets are available at \$3.50 and \$2.00 for students. Further information may be obtained from Professor Antony M. Ruprecht of the Department of Political Science, telephone 675-1151, extension 480 or Dr. Matthew Bray of the Department of History, extension 242.

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Davis' Man Fears 'Redneck Backlash'

by Barbara Dingwall

"Unity is not the problem in Canada, it is the solution." That was one discussion group's synopsis of CANADA 2000, a young people's conference on Canadian unity, held in Orillia from February 17 to 19, 1978.

The conference, sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews (CCCJ), the YMCA and the Secretary of State, was an opportunity for Ontario students, workers and unemployed people between the ages of 18 and 25 to meet, learn and discuss their views on Canadian unity.

Suggestions for unity arising from the ten discussion groups at the conference included working together in cooperation, developing one's own understanding of other Canadian cultures, learning the other official language, standardizing education, starting French immersion programs from the earliest public school grades in Ontario, revamping the Constitution and distribution of powers, improving the economy, denouncing the use of military force and coercion, and finally realizing that the problem of Canadian unity did not begin on November 15, 1976.

Peter Jones, President of the CCCJ, summed up the conference by invoking courage to change the things we can, friendship, "Community", not "unity", and bilingualism and understanding in an open, honest, caring manner.

"We should give the world a model of an international country, where people can come, remain themselves and be spiritually rich," said Jones. "In 1976, 25 million children in the world suffered from malnutrition, affecting their entire lives. That's more than the population of Canada. Meanwhile, we're squabbling over what language to put on our food packages."

Finally, in an allusion to Lebanese poet Gibran, Jones said a person must acknowledge other people's rights before asserting his own, and remember that his freedom is subject to other people's.

Speakers included Tom Bennett, a teacher of future studies in Chicago, Laurier Lapierre, co-host of former CBC program "This Hour Has Seven Days", Terry Jones, MPP and director of the Ontario Youth Secretariat, Ed Seymour, member of the OFL and CLC Education Committees, the Globe and Mail's Norman Webster, and N.D. Knielwasser, President of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada.

Bennett spoke of the emergence of the marginal person in our society and economy, and the need to re-establish links with indi-

viduals and groups who differ from us, understand them, and look for common values that override differences.

Lapierre spoke of the need for commitment, increased awareness and the perfection of one's self to create unity amongst Canadians. Seymour, referring to the mood of some Canadians, pointed out that though a person who has cancer feels hopeless and in despair, he cannot blame the cause of his illness on the doctor who broke the news to him.

Seymour criticized Trudeau's apparent willingness to use force in Quebec calling it "shades of Rhodesia". The real issue, he contended is the economy. Talk of the military, and high unemployment, said Seymour, can only lead to negative attitudes, more violence and a decrease in human dignity.

"Assinine" was what he

called the INCO layoffs, since government and workers had no say. Seymour called for tripartite decisions in the future. "No other generation," he said, "has exploited resources with such disregard. By the year 2000, we must make better use of our resources within a better economic system. That means, we must put an end to unilateral decisions by one sector."

Terry Jones stressed the need for new dedication and a renewal of Confederation, saying that today's youth will decide Canada's future. "The problem is much more than just language," he said.

When questioned on Premier Davis' refusal to introduce French as an official language in Ontario, Jones said he didn't like tokenism and besides he feared a "backlash" from the "many rednecks" in this "delicate situation".

Globe and Mail column-

nist Norman Webster pointed out the Liberals and the NDP are both on record in support of French as an official Ontario language. Since little political danger seems to be involved, Webster found it "mystifying that the government isn't moving any faster".

On media responsibility, Webster commented that journalists try to report objectively, but that a great deal depends on readers. Letters to the Editor, says Webster, is the best-read section of all papers. It is the duty of readers to make full use of it, he added.

Knielwasser, speaking as a business and industry representative, denounced Canadians' short-term pre occupations (heightened by journalists) and inability to look ahead. "We must assess with objectivity all that is good in Canada," he said. "By fastening on the negative side, we'll go down the drain quickly."

A commitment for individual effort and promotion of unity within the community was taken home by most of the young delegates. It was an eye-opener for some, who met real Franco-Ontarians for the first time.

Unity and community were exemplified during the Saturday night multicultural dance participation session.

The Orillia conference was the first in a series of conferences to be held in every province during the coming months.

Delegates from Sudbury included Tim Moyle, Dan Roy, Bruce Stewart, Robert Houle, Robert Robitaille, Barbara Dingwall and Diana Brette.

Both the CCCJ and the YMCA promote this kind of conference and other activities for understanding and friendship between all groups in Canada. Both have summer exchange programs to strengthen English-French ties and unity.

Another Life In Danger

SAN FRANCISCO -The magazine The Nation has reported that the life of another black student leader in South Africa is being endangered by torture and brutal beatings allegedly administered by South African security police.

The magazine quoted a former white political prisoner in South Africa saying that he was held in detention with Sechaba Montsitsi, described as a prominent black leader in the South African student movement.

Joel Bolnick is quoted as saying that Montsitsi was arrested by riot police last June allegedly because of his plans to organize student activities against the

apartheid government. Bolnick said that while in prison he did not see Montsitsi tortured, but witnessed numerous other brutal beatings and torturing of Soweto students held on riot charges.

And Bolnick said that a week after his release from prison, police confirmed that Montsitsi was reported in critical condition at a Johannesburg hospital.

He told The Nation that he believes Montsitsi's life is seriously endangered in light of the death in jail of former black leader Steve Biko and the so-called suicides and "accidental deaths" of various other political prisoners in recent years.

More Cuts

Colleges and Universities Minister Harry Parrott's recent announcement concerning funding for universities represents an obituary for quality education in this province, OFS chairperson Miriam Edelson says. This Minister will be giving the universities \$26 million less than his own advisory body, the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA) said was needed "just to maintain the system", she said.

The OCUA recommended a 9.5 percent funding increase. The Minister has chopped that to 5.7 percent. The decision calls into question the role and integrity of the advisory body. What kind of advisory body is it when the Minister's own kind of advice he will then

rejects it, she said. "This announcement illustrates the bad faith of the Government. The Premier and the Minister have both stoutly maintained that there are no cutbacks in post-secondary education. Now it is clear that there are cutbacks, even by the Minister's own definition."

"The effects of this underfunding will be felt by students. At York University 300 part-time faculty may be laid off. At Ryerson they may drop over 60 teaching positions. Atkinson College may have to eliminate 30 courses. This pattern will be repeated elsewhere. We fear that quality post-secondary education in this province may become a thing of the past", Edelson ended.

Economic Notes

Net unemployment insurance benefits paid out in October amounted to 10 percent more than the month previous and a whopping 30 percent more than in October, 1976, according to Statistics Canada.

Instead of tackling the country's devastating unemployment rate, the government chose to spend \$267 million in October alone on unemployment insurance benefits. That's over half the Liberal's yearly budget for job creation programs spent in one month on unemployment insurance payouts.

Statistics Canada says the number of vacant jobs in Canada declined during the three month period ending November 30 from the preceding period and from the year previous.

In fact, the government agency reports, preliminary statistics show vacancies

for full-time, part-time and casual jobs declined 14 percent to 46,200 from the 53,600 vacancies reported in the June-August period.

Compared with the three-month period in 1976, the number of vacancies decreased by 1,000 or two percent.

Cost of living figures released recently by Statistics Canada show the government missed its target of six percent inflation for the second year of wage and price controls by over 35 percent, costing the average Canadian family \$1,500 in lost purchasing power in the past year.

According to the government's own figures, the inflation rate, averaged over the Oct.-Dec. period reached 11.2 percent, worse than the rate before controls were instituted. The annual inflation rate reached 9.5 percent.

Vacancy Rates for Part-time and Full-time Jobs Canada and Provinces

	Three-month Periods Ending		
	Nov. 1977p	Aug. 1977	Nov. 1976
	(Rates per 1,000 jobs)		
Canada(1)	5	6	6
Atlantic Provinces(2)	3	4	4
Newfoundland	3	3	4
Nova Scotia	3	5	3
New Brunswick	4	4	5
Quebec	4	5	5
Ontario	6	6	5
Manitoba	5	7	6
Saskatchewan	5	7	9
Alberta	10	11	14
British Columbia	5	5	4

p Preliminary estimates.

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

(2) Includes Prince Edward Island.

Talking Dog Amazes Experts

by Michael Adking

Here it is, early Tuesday morning, long before daybreak, and, clearly, I'm late in writing this goddamn column again. Why the hell don't I do things when I'm supposed to?

I couldn't write the column earlier. O.K., so I was too drunk to inflict my usual wit on anyone. But, then again, I was really depressed. What did it, I suppose, was the Inco layoffs; hell- advertising hasn't been the same since.

Not too long ago (about the eighteenth last time I tried to give up smoking, I think) I was filled with an optimism born of my (small L) liberal youth. Backwoods Montreal made me realize that this nation could make it with its system. So I pawned everything I had to go into the newspaper business. As long as this week's number of ads was greater than last week's, everything was great. As long as I was making it, I figured anybody with a little gall could carve himself a niche in the new Canadian backwoods...Sudbury.

It gets awfully depressing when the community's raison d'être (and, incidentally, biggest contract) decides to pull up a few stakes. Ingrates! I'd always ignore them, as long as they didn't ignore me.

Once the big guys start ignoring, it starts getting infectious. Jim Gordon (my friend, the Mayor) didn't ask me more than once how to get out the Canada Games mess and Darcy McKeough is acting as though he hadn't even heard about the last telling blow I levelled at his down-with-the-small-guy policies. That Valley East tinpot dictator, Ray Plourde hasn't even threatened to use Northern Laff as toilet paper recently.

I regained my composure in the best way possible; I blew my stack at one of my employees. I didn't need her to tell me that my goddamn Volvo was wrapped around the front of Stan Richmond's store. I was the one who put it there, wasn't I?

Anyway, I felt much better after that reminder that, to some, I can still act as the be-all-and-end-all. My faith in myself restored, I decided to tackle this column. Besides, the rest of the paper had been laid out for hours, and the typesetter had fallen asleep. I guess, there really isn't that much of a rush, because the ride home I'd promised her is now part of a fur store.

Well, my hangover is killing me so I'll leave you with this thought for the day:

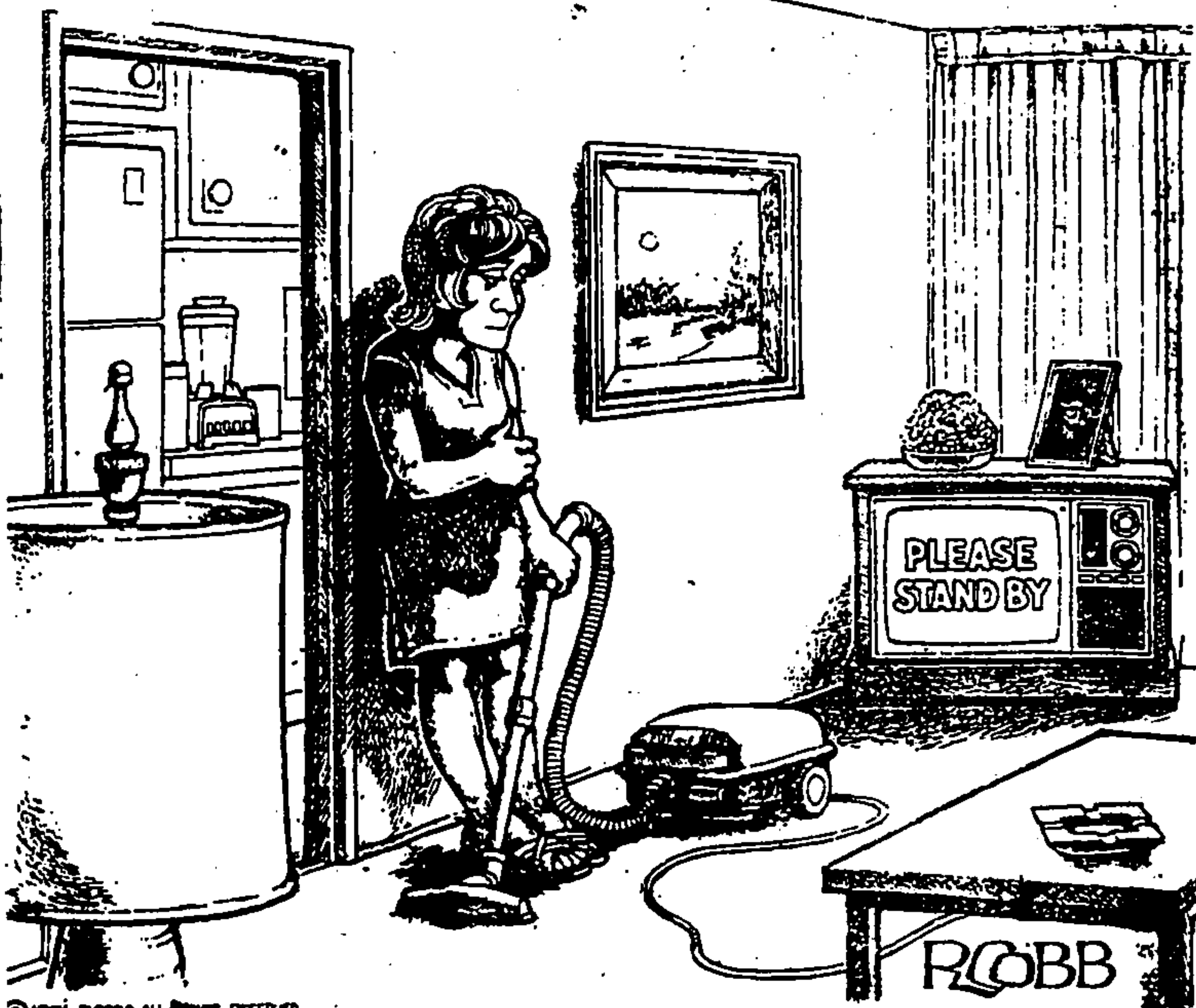
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A Placekicked Business

by Wilter Maceloud

Those socialists are every-where, I tell you. Once I swore they'd never get to me, but their filthy, little conspiracy has finally got me seeing my shrink.

I met one of that brainless spawn of Moscow in a local coffeshop. He was so obvious; hair over his ears, wire-rim glasses, hands clutching the economic gospel of some Marxist guru (Keynes, I think). 'anyone could tell he was a stooge recruited at the Kremlin sponsored university.

"How's welfare, frelk?" I inquired politely. He was

obviously not prepared for my clever attack. "Huh?" he replied.

"Found some new way to sponge off the system?" I continued guilelessly.

"Watter yoo talkin' about, bub?" he responded.

He denied having anything to do with their demented revolution, claiming he didn't know anything about it because he was enrolled in a SPAD Programme and had to study economics, unfortunately. He could not fool me, I could smell his communism. I SAW RED.

That's what did it. The over-exposure to that hateful colour forced me to go to my psychiatrist, who recommended that I take at least four months rest at my cotton plantation on Manitoulin Island, all tax deductible as a medical expense of course.

As part of my departure preparations, I took care to run into my newfound adversary. As I backed my Eldorado off him for a

second shot, he scrambled up onto my hood. I detailed to my trapped antagonist the aggravation he'd brought into my life.

"How are you paying your doctor," he shouted desperately, "Are you using OHIP?"

"Of course", I laughed.

"But isn't that a social welfare system," he howled "aren't you guys supposed to be opposed to that kind of thing?"

"No" I snarled gleefully, "if you read your economics text, you would know that the rate differentials in OHIP are insignificant when stacked beside one's total income. As a percent of my income, it costs me less for OHIP than the other seventy-three percent of the province. That makes it a regressive levy, which is one of the stimuli to my initiative to stay up late nights selling other peoples land. I love it" said I, slamming home my point. I left him quivering.



I'm the Anvil

by Jim Testing

The inefficiency to be found in the capitalist system never ceases to amaze the mind of the right-thinking individual.

Take sleep, for example; almost everybody sleeps eight hours a day, or a third of their time. That's unproductive, particularly con-

sidering that you aren't there to enjoy it. The unplanned economy found around the consumer market system encourages that kind of inefficiency, not even trying to find employment for those of us who are awake. They don't seem to realize that the more of us there are working, the more wealth created in the society.

The social planners in one of the world's most progressive economies, the Deutsche Demokratische Republik, have announced the solution to the problem of sleep. A report by Des Volkes Institut Germinder-splatteren describes a technique of inserting an electrode into the sleep centre of the brain. It detects the approaching onslaught of sleep, and relays the information to a pacemaker-

like device on the back of the skull. The device responds with a shock to stimulate the brain out of the sleep cycle.

Workers equipped with this device have shown an increased receptiveness to an increased workload (and just about everything else). They seem particularly productive in repetitive types of labour like munitions plant assembly line work and Cuban tobacco planting.

On-the-street acceptance of battery-operated workers with boxes on the backs of their heads was cool at first. When the Party organ, Infestla, pointed out that these workers were brave volunteers in the glorious cause of world-wide socialism who had been wired for sound, attitudes improved immediately.

DEAR AYLMEER SOPHIST:

As typesetter for Northern Laff, I felt compelled to write this letter to you. In the past the articles that you have wrote have taught me but one skill, that being to speed read a dictionary. As a point of interest, the dictionary was

more fun reading than your article. Though it has not been long that I have been replacing our former typesetter I can understand why he quit.

Having read your articles, typed your articles, and then proofread your articles

and still not knowing what your article was about, I can sympathize with her. Hoping that things might still improve,

Yours truly,
The typesetter

DEAR EDITOR:

I read Northern Laff regularly and have always found it an interesting, informative publication.

Lately, I've noticed a problem coming up with distressing regularity, though, and would like to take this opportunity to point it out to you. This is by no means meant to be a destructive criticism but, rather, a constructive one.

I realize that it may be considered by some to be a technical or even a trivial error on your part. But it is, nevertheless, an error. And here it is:

The page numbers are wrong. Last week page seven (7) preceded page six (6) and four weeks ago, page four (4) was preceded by page nine (9) which was preceded by page eleven (11).

Now I realize that everyone makes mistakes but

with a little care I'm sure that this problem could be resolved.

Yours sincerely
RAY PLOURDE

P.S. Keep up the good work, fellas!

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter in the name of all those cute, little baby seals off the coast of Newfoundland. I sit on the Committee Against Cruelty to Animals, and I wanted to condemn the Federal and Provincial governments for not acting and ending the frightful crimes committed against those beautiful creatures.

Yours truly
Barb Dingwall

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Bigger is a bummer

by William Bradley

This is the first of a four-part series dealing with E.F. Schumacher's classic work *Small is Beautiful*. Fundamentally, Schumacher seeks to revolutionize the still immature science of economics by emphasizing people over profits, the person over the products, where capital serves man instead of man being enslaved by capital. Schumacher (recently deceased) was not merely an author. He was the Eco-

nomic Advisor of Britain's National Coal Board (1950 to 1970). He and George McRobie originated the Intermediate Technology Development Group (London, U.K.) and he also directed the Scott-Baden Institute (experimenting in collective ownership by both employers and employees). Intermediate technology is labour intensive, cheaper than regular capital-intensive enterprises and may be of great value for both the

Third World and the West.

On April 7th and 8th, people from Schumacher's group will be here in Sudbury along with other experts in economic diversification for the 2001 conference. After this conference, a steering committee will decide the best strategy Sudbury can use to face the year 2001 with confidence. Consultants hired by the 2001 committee have had considerable success with economically depressed areas in 25 countries by utilizing some of Schumacher's ideas.

Marxists have argued against the "Small is Beautiful" movement, claiming that it is but a partial solution. However, across-the-board nationalization of the means of production by the working class is still a dream in Canada. There is an urgent need for both jobs and a re-orientation of

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Students and young people from more than 140 countries will journey to Havana. They will bring with them a common commitment to the Festival theme - for anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship - as well as their own aspirations for a better world, for jobs, for a quality education, for the elimination of racism, for true equality of all people and for a peaceful world for our generation and the generations to come.

Each delegate will add something special to the Festival. Festival delegates will include national liberation fighters from Southern Africa, anti-fascist youth from Chile, youth of the socialist countries - builders of a new society, and young people from countries such as our own, experienced in the fight for a better life.

For the delegates, the Festival won't end with the conclusion of the day's activities. Meetings, rallies, seminars, athletic events, concerts, casual meetings and conversations into the night will make the Festival a very deep, personal experience that will last forever. For a delegate to any World Youth Festival the Festival never ends.

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SEMINARS on a wide variety of subjects, from the rights of young women through to stamp collecting, and every topic in between. Participants will have the opportunity of hearing the viewpoints and sharing the experiences of

young people from every corner of the world on nearly every subject.

ATHLETIC EVENTS for every type of athlete, from international and Olympic stars to the casual Saturday afternoon jogger. Like everything else at the Festival, there is something for everybody, from pick-up soccer in the parks, to international displays before thousands in Havana's stadiums. One of the favorites for all is the cross-country solidarity run.

CONCERTS and cultural performances from each of the participating countries are always a highlight at the Festivals. National and international stars, folk groups, dance troupes, and artists representing the best of peoples' cultures from around the globe will appear on dozens of indoor and outdoor stages throughout Havana. Not all concerts are formal affairs - all that's needed is a guitar and a street-corner; the audience is always there. **MEETING PEOPLE** from all over the world. One of the biggest parts of every Festival is making friends and sharing experiences. The spirit of friendship unique to the Festival lasts a lifetime.

Every Festival and every Festival site has a special meaning. Cuba, host of the 11th Festival is no exception.

Cuba - its history of resistance against foreign control, its defiance of military intervention and economic boycott imposed on it by imperialism - holds a meaningful place in the peoples' struggle against foreign domination.

Coinciding with the opening of the 11th Festival, the entire population of the "Island of Freedom" will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the assault on the Moncada Barracks, the event which heralded the final stage of Cuba's century-long struggle for national independence. The holding of the Festival in Cuba is a tribute to the Cuban youth and people, to their indomitable spirit, their advances and victories. At the same time, Cuba will be a truly memorable host for this world gathering of young people.

The nine days of the Festival will be full days, full of rich experiences of young people from around the globe. They will be exciting days, days of fun and enjoyment, shared in the sunshine of the Caribbean's most beautiful island - Cuba. They will be nine very special days in the lives of all delegates, days which will be just as special in the years to come.

JOIN US: add your voice, your presence and your convictions to the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students.

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Forces in Canada) carries the same humour with the same stereotyped characters.

After that we had a cup of tea and retired for the night. Believe me? Didn't think so.

I can go on like this for pages but I won't. Jean-Pierre Ferland, French singer, if you get a chance, hear him. Music is the international language. The restaurants are fantastic, the night life - go there. Notes, stories written on the back of place mats litter my desk.

music, my learned colleague (That's you Barb D.) was entirely correct when she said you don't have to know French to enjoy the music. I didn't have a problem dancing except that I can't dance. So I do as the rest do - fake it.

Here is one adventure typical of the entire time.

Sunday, Feb. 19, 11:00..

After going to church in Notre Dame Cathedral (Words fail me on describing that), we went looking for a greasy spoon for breakfast. An hour later, found us in the world-famous SUN-SUN Cafe in downtown Chinatown.

A brightly lit dismal little place where the didn't have

Le Voyage . . .

Ah! The days, the nights and all parts in between. Unfortunately, I can't relate it all otherwise there'd be no room in the paper for the political information but I'll try to hit the high and low lights.

After departing on our voyage with a full complement of French Canadians, English Canadians and those we weren't sure of, the wine skins came out in preparation of the long trip. What can you say about a

nine hour bus trip except Echh! There were some shiny moments of singing lead by Sweet Sue Le whatever. Points of interest included Warren, home of Master B. Berube who was in Florida and the bustling mini-tropolis of Verner, on the lesser known spots like North Bay, Ottawa (Pierre Who?) etc. etc.

Once we arrived the french I got corrupted) we checked into a delightfully quaint old hotel, which is a polite was of saying a dump. And given instructions on how to get to the ALT MUENCHEN (Old Munich) beerhall. Unfortunately they were en anglais and Diane B. got us lost. But never fear, we made it.

From there, things got confused. Saturday was spent on a walking tour of Montreal, oh my aching feet! We made it back in time to get to the Theatre Du Nouveau Monde to see La Cruche Cassee de Kleist (Yes, I copied that off the program). The view was excellent, the seat built for someone half my size. By the time I got settle in, the play was over. No loss I guess! Supper at La Creperie followed by Des Frites, Des Frites at the Theatre Port-Royal (Place des Arts). Both were excellent. The food filling, the seat seatable and the show hilarious. I don't care what language it's in, a play about the army (Armed



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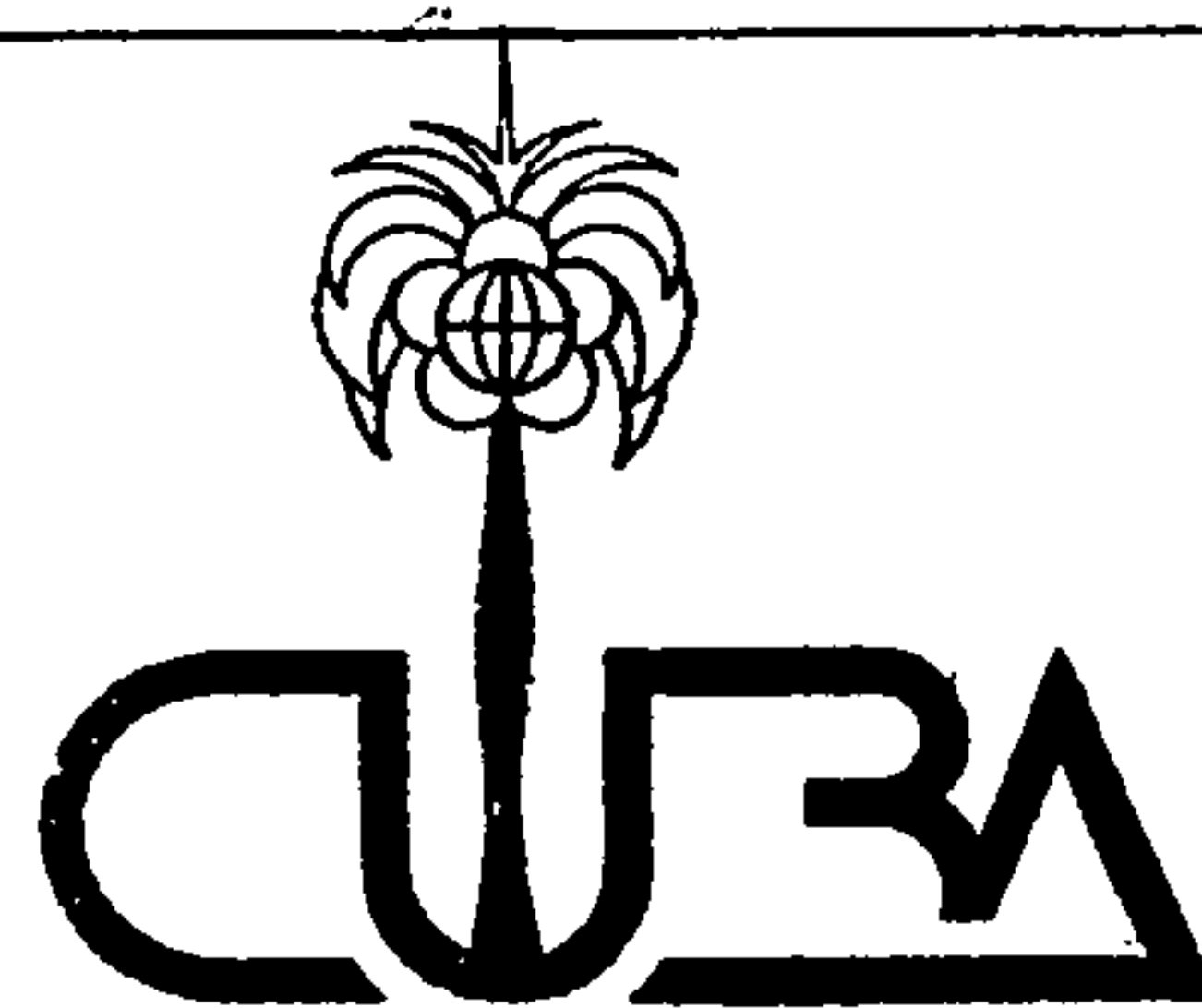
International Preparatory Committee to organize a delegation from our country to take part in the Festival. Student, artistic, social, political, religious and immigrant organizations of young people from across the country, representing diverse philosophical, political and religious views and sharing agreement with the ideals and goals of the Festival, are among those playing an active role in the Committee.

The Preparatory Committee of Canada is responsible for acquainting young Canadians with the Festival and its theme, "for anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship", and for organizing a representative delegation from Canada to take part in the Festival, a delegation which will reflect the binational character of Canada and express the anti-imperialist sentiments of Canadian youth.

Total cost for each

delegate will be around \$500, which includes return travel from each delegate's main point of origin. Internal transportation in Cuba, all registration fees and food and lodging for the Festival and up to an extra week in Cuba.

For further information and an application form contact:
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Le Voyage: the Troop in Montreal

bacon, eggs or toast. Mostly because they didn't have any bread. So we had a Chinese version. Breakfast-lunch: a cup of coffee and egg rolls. Sitting at the head of the table was Psychic Barb, flanked by the all time great flanker Rolly, the ever-popular "Shut-up" Yetta, the Anglo-Irish S.B'er and me the B.S'er beside her.

Feeling adventurous, the egg rolls were complimented by Chat Noodle Soup and Chien Chow Mein was excellent. If you're a hungry student, you'll eat

anything. We just made it back in time for the bus tour of Montreal which I'll admit is the quickest but not the most pleasant way to see Montreal.

After four days of this, we had to say farewell to the theatres, the restaurants (Ahh!!) the Forum (Don, Rolly and Tom saw a great game. The Canadians won of course), the shops, the people, the rooms,...

One point was made to me by a cabby, which gave me food for thought. He spoke English with an English accent and French with a Canadian accent.

He said that in Montreal, if you speak just English, you are on the same level as someone speaking only French: nowhere. Interesting, no? ing, no?

The trip back was long and unevenful except Pere Girouard was presented with a couple of gifts in appreciation of the work he put into organizing the trip. He deserved them. It was a great time through great organization. Everyone chipped in on the presents.

Montreal '78
Art Frechette

ject to interference and counteraction from causes not directly within its scope".

Unfortunately, John Mill's idea of economics has fizzled with the result that economics, like technology, has run amuck.

The biggest mistake economics has made, claims Schumacher, is that it believes that the problem of production has been solved. In effect, there has been a failure to distinguish between income and capital.

"A businessman would not consider a firm to have solved its problems of production and to have achieved viability if he saw that it was rapidly consuming its capital. How, then, could we overlook this vital fact when it comes to that very big firm, the economy of Spaceship Earth..."

Our biggest source of capital is nature herself and not just man as Marx asserted. Because we feel outside and apart from nature, we are not really aware of just how quickly we are using up fossil fuels. Not only are we using up non-renewable fuels at an alarming rate (crude oil production in Alberta has dropped since 1974 and by 1985 Canada will need to import \$6.5 billion per year), but, we are paving over our best farmland while we allow INCO to damage vegetation over a ten-year period to the tune of \$1,717,000 (Globe and Mail, Friday, Jan. 13).

"If we squander our fossil fuels, we threaten civilization, but if we squander the capital represented by living nature around us, we threaten life itself."

Schumacher says that is inherent in the methodology of economics to ignore man's dependence on the natural world. The market system reeks of individualism and non-responsibility. Initially neither buyer nor seller is responsible to anyone but himself. How many chemicals are pumped into nature and our bodies without strict attention to their delirious effects? Usually it's only afterwards, after the mercury has poisoned, after the PCBs have saturated the ecosystem and after the

fish turn belly-up, that business is forced to reconsider its actions.

When the Good = Profitability and money is the highest of all values you may have a 5½ GNP but the forests are not replenished, the average working conditions are dreary, dull and boring (which is why most of us are here), the big INCO stack keeps on belching its bile all over the province.

Economics has extrapolated its narrow specialized axioms of market and profit to over-generalized principles of a universal nature, without taking into account real conditions.

Right Livelihood

If we see the essence of civilization as the free creative unfolding of human potential rather than a multiplication of wants, then the picture we have of economics and work will radically change.

For instance, the modern economist considers work as but a necessary evil, as does the worker. Schumacher says:

Hence, the ideal from the point of view of the employer is to have Output without employees, and the ideal from the point of view of the employee is to have income without employment."

A different perspective would see work as a means to give man a chance to utilize and develop his faculties, to enable him to overcome his egocentrism by joining with others in a common task besides bringing forth the necessary goods and services.

Drastic changes would be needed to accommodate such an ideal. Economics would thus tend to maximize well-being while minimizing consumption. The ownership and consumption of goods is a means to the liberation of human potential of all, not for the few.

Simplicity of life-style and production from local resources for local needs lessens the dependence on international markets and crisis situation in other areas. Friction and tension are lessened as people are not at each other's throats for resources.

The New Metaphysics

economic thinking and practice right now, in Sudbury and in Canada as a whole.

Economics - the New Metaphysics

To assert economics as a central force in shaping the activities of the modern world would be no exaggeration. Economic summit conferences draw national attention. Huge resource projects have the ax if they are deemed

'uneconomic'. Hospitals are closed down and universities suffer from fiscal restraint. A person's social status is correlated with his/her income.

Money may be the root of all evil, but in our times the dollar sign reigns supreme. Anything that impedes economic growth is unsound, an affront to reason itself.

When this science first sprouted at Oxford, 150 years ago, some were less than pleased. Edward Copleston, Provost of Oriel

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College protested as he felt it as bound to "usurp the rest". Henry Drummond who endowed the professorship in 1825 expected the University to keep the new discipline in its proper place. Schumacher notes that John Stuart Mill looked upon it "not as a thing by itself, but as a fragment of a greater whole so interlinked with all the other branches that its conclusions, even in its own peculiar province, are only true conditionally, sub

A Second Take

by barbara dingwall

Tom Bennett, a self-proclaimed "futurist", professor and consultant in Chicago, recently addressed delegates at CANADA 2000 (the February 17th to 19th conference on Canadian unity in Orillia). He warned the audience that participatory democracy, hardly practicable through sheer number problems in the past, is more and more becoming a thing of the past. His reasons are as follows:

Although very critical decisions on the environment, energy sources, foreign policy, defence, wages, living standards and so on, are being made in Canada and the U.S. these days, common people have little input into the decision making process. Rather, the pressure group which most effectively captures media attention or governmental representatives' ears, or ever-present, controlling business interests, decide for the common people. In the last 15 years, according to Bennett, no decisions have been taken to Americans for a vote. Canada's Western provinces used to hold referendums, and two national referendums (on conscription and temperance) have been held on a national scale in Canada. (It looks like Rene is allowing true participatory decision making for the first time in a long time.)

However, rapid technological advances are effectively decreasing the number of people qualified or competent enough to make decisions in many fields. Ordinary people can no longer have an equal rights basis to decision making as they lack the technical competence required — hence, the formation of a power-vested elitist group.

Man's first major progressive step, says Bennett, was the conversion of experience to language. His next is the conversion of experience without language, an impossible feat without technical expertise. The primacy of knowledge, thus, is the criteria for decision making, not feelings or preferences.

Related to man's progress and the development of elitists, is the emergence of the marginal person. Bennett's conception of marginality is any life condition supported by the institutional resources of a society. Thus, included in the marginal person category are welfare recipients, unemployed, disabled, ailing persons and so on. Bennett cites that in the 10-30 age range, your chances of being marginal are one in a thousand. In the 40-50 age range, they are 500 in a thousand. By age 50-60, they are 750 in a thousand increasing to 800-900 per thousand after age 65. You could become a marginal person tomorrow as an accident victim, or at 32 when your technical training becomes outdated, making you obsolete.

"The Soviet Army may be the world's largest employer," says Bennett, "but the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare is second."

The above presents a gloomy picture. On the one hand are the informed and powerful elite (also, the often uninformed, powerful business sector), and on the other, the members of the lowly mass, the majority of whom are dependent on the former group for their existence.

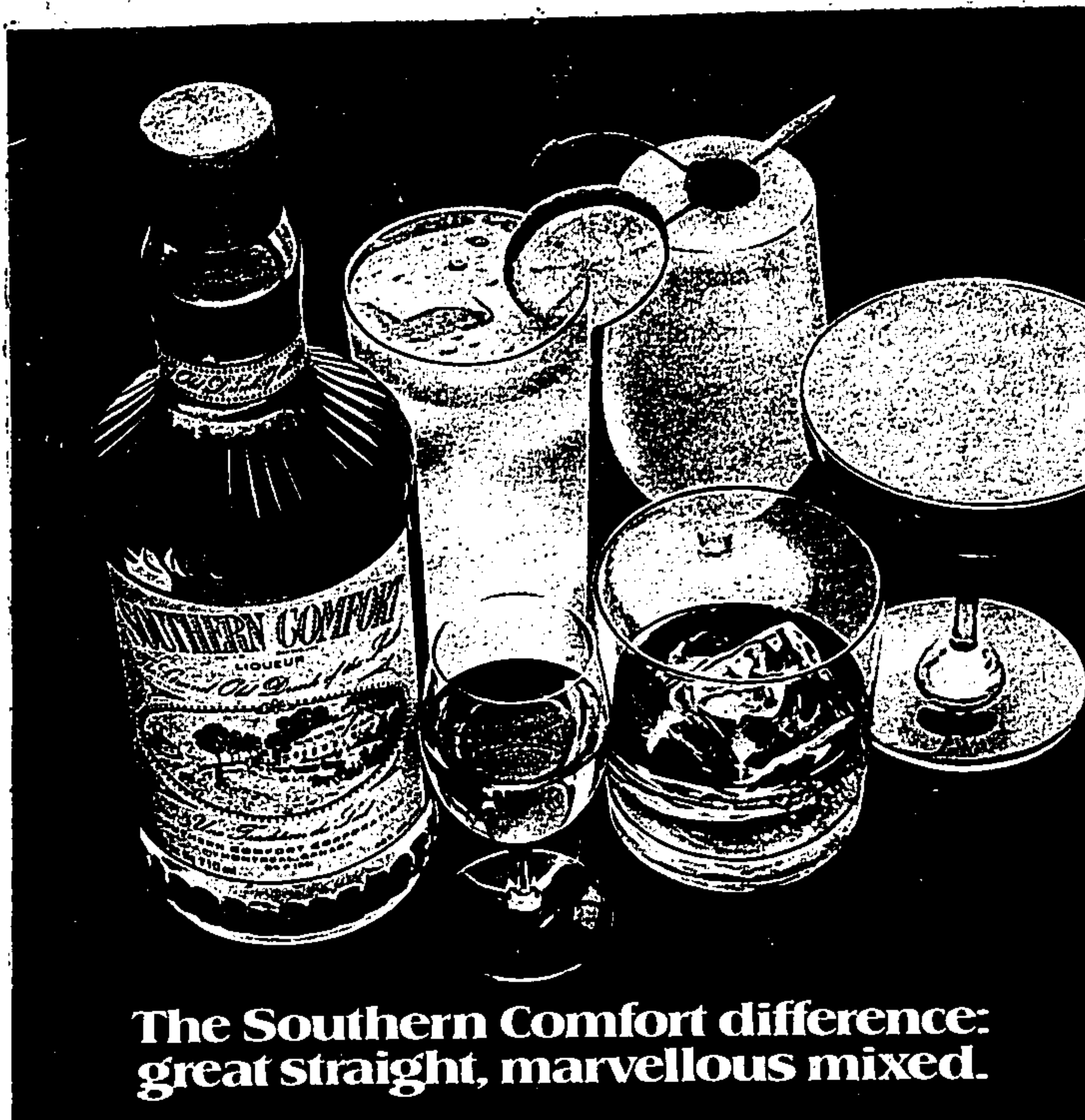
Granted, there has always been an uneven distribution of power (and luxuries) and dependence. (The power-holders, it seems, must be pestered and hassled to give to their dependents, but sometimes too readily increase their own benefits.) This uneven distribution, however, is fast becoming a gaping chasm.

It seems our society isn't people-oriented any more, because a lot of people don't count. People are surplus, obsolete or useless. People don't know enough to give valid "technical" opinions. People are on the margin of a life which revolves around technological advances designed to make people more comfortable and happy, and give them more leisure time ("leisure" implying enjoyable free time).

Strangely enough, those people I know who fall into the marginal category, and even those who don't, aren't all particularly comfortable, happy or enjoying themselves. This seems to indicate a contradiction in the goals of our society and its ruling elite.

Participatory democracy? Bah! No such thing! I guess we commoners can keep on writing to our MPs and papers though. (Davis government representative Terry Jones, at the same conference, said that politicians do indeed pay heed to their constituents' letters...) If common people at the community level could organize, unify and come up with decent proposals or possible solutions to problems, they could still perhaps have some effects on the specialized elite. There still must be ways to beat the system. People always find them when taxes etc. are concerned. Why not for issues affecting not only them but all people? It is sometimes hard to understand why some people choose to be marginal.

P.S. Are you going to vote in the upcoming SGA or Aef elections? If you've never been to an SGA or Aef meeting, try it some time.



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Wolves Get New Coach

The Sudbury Wolves announced today yet another new coach for the floundering team. During a press conference held in Sudbury's "center of hospitality" the Frontinblue, Mud Smirk introduced Candy Lebell the team's new head coach.

"The move", Mud was quick to explain, "was no reflection on newly hired coach Cement or the Wolves' splendid play in their 11-1 loss to Kitchener Sunday. It is", Mud continued "a change of philosophy". Miss Lebell stated that she had great hopes for the Wolves for the remainder of the season. "I have known Wolves and members of the team in some instances for quite

some time and I have no doubts as to their abilities. If there is a problem", Miss Lebell informed the press, "it is one of desire or motivation not competence.

Cement, it was learned will remain with the team as an assistant coach. He will concern himself with the on ice training, though Miss Lebell will be behind the bench for games. Coach Cement will be joined by two new assistant coaches, Miss Sugar Rose, and Miss Ruby Brown, both of whom were hired today by Coach Lebell.

In conclusion Miss Lebell stated that if she were any judge of sports at all, "big things could be expected of the team in the future."

Vee's Blow Season

The Laurentian Voyageurs hockey season came to a very sudden end on Friday night when the York Yeomen pasted the Vees 8-1. York outplayed the Vees in all facets of the game, and thoroughly dominated both ends of the ice. It was a very disappointing way to end the season when you consider that the Vees won 5 of their last 6 games in a late season drive for the playoffs. In Friday game, the only goal came off the stick of Steve Demarco.

Demarco's second period goal pulled the Vees to within a goal of York at 2-1, but York scored 6 unans-

wered goals from that point on to salt the game away.

The season was fairly successful for the Vees, who were finalists in the Christmas tournament at Moncton N.B., and OUAA quarter-finalists. The Vees and coach Billy Harris are looking forward to next season and a shot at the OUAA championship.

The team looks to be strong next year with the loss of only three graduating players. All the hockey Vees wish the mens and womens basketball teams the best of luck in their quest of the national championship.

By: Dave Bedford.

Frisbee Freaks Meet

Brock University is hosting the 3rd Annual Ontario University Frisbee Championships on the weekend of March 31st and April 1st 1978.

There will be a meeting Tuesday March 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior House Lounge of Huntington College Residence (east end of the building).

Goals and objectives of

the Laurentian Frisbee Club will be established, details of the competition will be outlined (including an explanation of, and rules for, all the events), and practice times will be announced.

If you are interested but can't attend the meeting, express your interest by contacting either Kevin or Laurie BEFORE Tuesday at

Women's B-Ballers Undefeated

The Laurentian Women's Basketball team won the Ontario Women's Basketball Championship last weekend. They are now off to Calgary for their fourth consecutive Canadian Women's Intercollegiate Basketball Championship. The Vees finished their

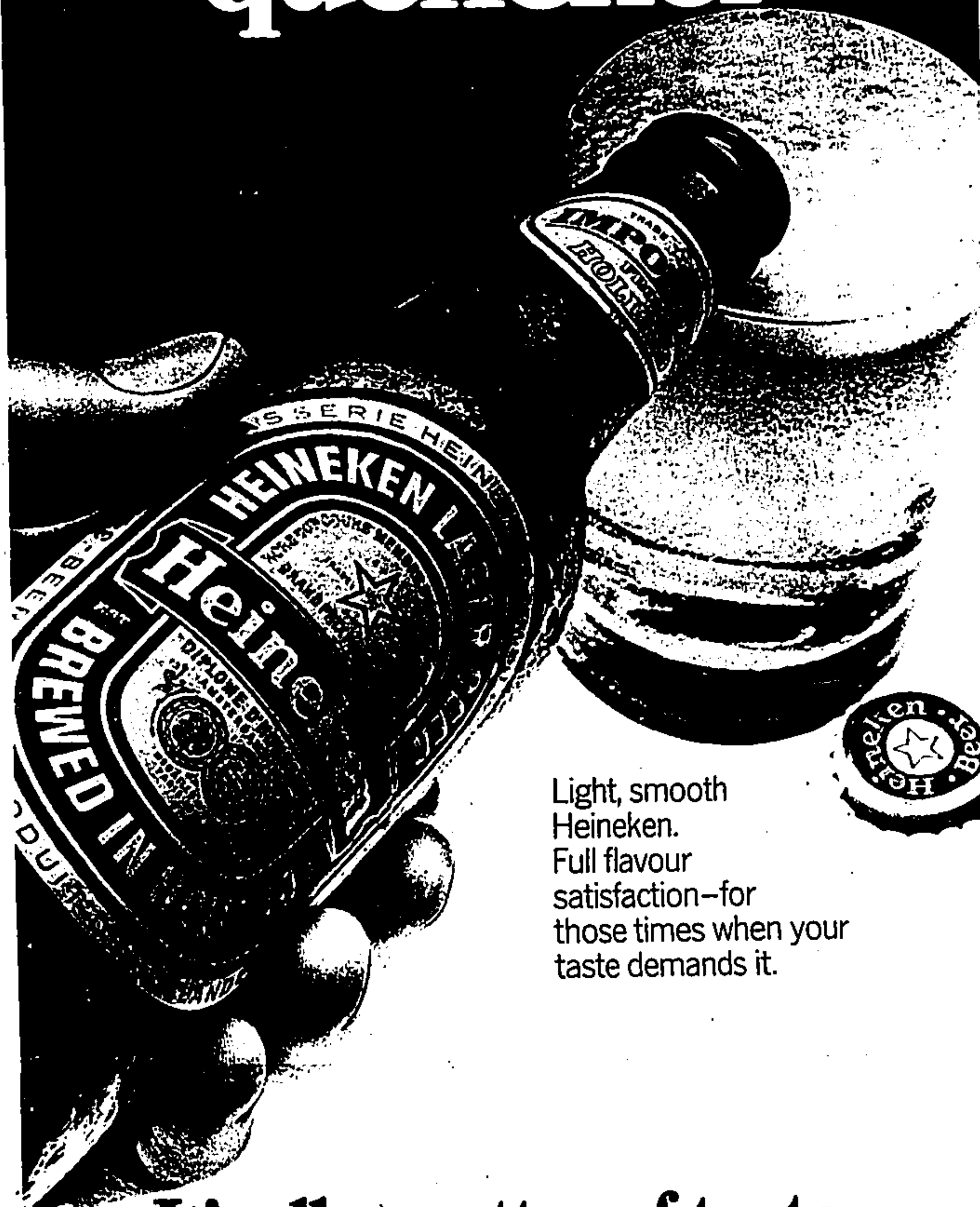
season with two wins over the weekend to remain undefeated in league play this year.

To win the Ontario's, the Vees defeated Western in the semi-finals by a score of 67 to 36. Michelle Belanger was the Vee's leading scorer with 12

points, followed closely by Agnes Balson with 10 points. In the Finals, Laurentian met Guelph, who proved to be their strongest competition from Ontario. The Vees led 29 to 27 at half time and went on to win 57 to 47. An excellent game was played by Michelle Belanger with 16 points, 9 rebounds; Chris Critelli 15 points, 8 rebounds; Kathy Jennings 12 points; Agnes Balson 8 points, 6 rebounds; Jan Trombly 10 rebounds; and Kim Hansen, who played a good defensive game. The leader for Guelph was Candy Clarkson, who scored 21 points and pulled down 17 rebounds.

The Vees travel to Calgary for the second year in a row....let's hope it's a repeat of last year.

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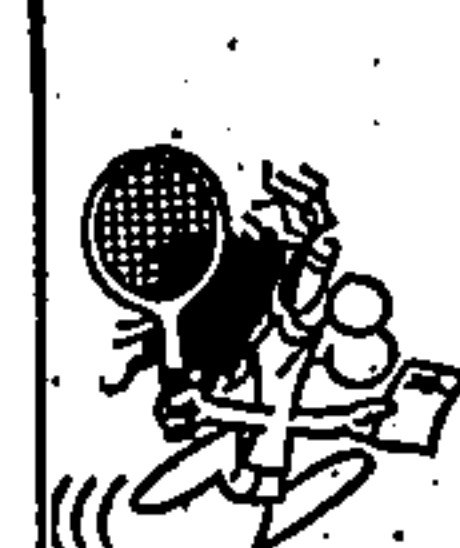
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A propos, sais-tu qui sont tes représentants de classe? Voici leurs noms, en plus des noms de l'exécutif

du conseil des étudiants en service social.

Les représentants de première année sont: Mark Humphries, Anne Levesque et Joanne Gruszecki. Les représentants de deuxième année sont: Pierre Quesnel, Sally Modess et Tim Moyle. Celles de troisième année sont: Helen Tomchysyn et Dan Roy représente les étudiants de quatrième année. Nos représentants auprès de la SGA sont Wanda Perna et Debbie Wilson, celle auprès de l'AEF est Suzanne Legault et celui qui nous représente au Sénat est Tim Moyle. Le trésorier est Marc Tremblay la secrétaire Jody Bradbock et le président, Philippe Cauchy.

Les réunions du conseil ont lieu dans la salle de conférence (la porte à gauche du bureau de la secrétaire) au deuxième étage de

la tour de la bibliothèque. Le conseil se réunit chaque mardi soir à cinq heures. Tous sont les bienvenus.

Récemment, deux étudiants de deuxième année, Pierre Quesnel et Jean Dupuy, se sont rendus à Timmins dans le but d'assister à un atelier de préparation de camps d'été de famille, ceci dans l'espoir de créer des emplois d'été pour les étudiants en service social. Ils rapportent que leur voyage a été fructueux et intéressant.

Plans are underway for a day-long activities on Human Sexuality some time before the end of the term. Look out for this. If it's as good as last year's was, it should be well worth attending.

Le Conseil Académique est, au moment, en train de faire accepter la nouvelle constitution de l'Ecole. Plusieurs changements sont proposés, surtout au niveau de la composition du conseil et de ses comités. Demandez donc à votre représentant de classe de vous en parler.

And finally, the school's hockey team will be travelling to Kirkland Lake on an overnight trip on March 17th for a good-will game. They will be accompanied by a whole crowd of well-wishers (there's room for more fans. See Dan Roy or your rep about this) who not only want to catch some of the pre-game and post-game warm-ups but want to actually cheer for the team. This season, the team has seen victory upon

victory... snatched away from them. This game they want to win! I hear they won a few games, though. I mean, with Rocket-Richard




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by: Rallo Gozniak

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Mr. Gozniak:

Like so many of your peers in the undergraduate ranks you are afflicted with an extreme case of "cognitive dissonance". This is a psychosomatically induced condition wherein a prevalent attitude has no rational basis other than an illusory advantage accepted and wildly blown out of proportion, e.g. that foreign-made small cars are superior in every respect.

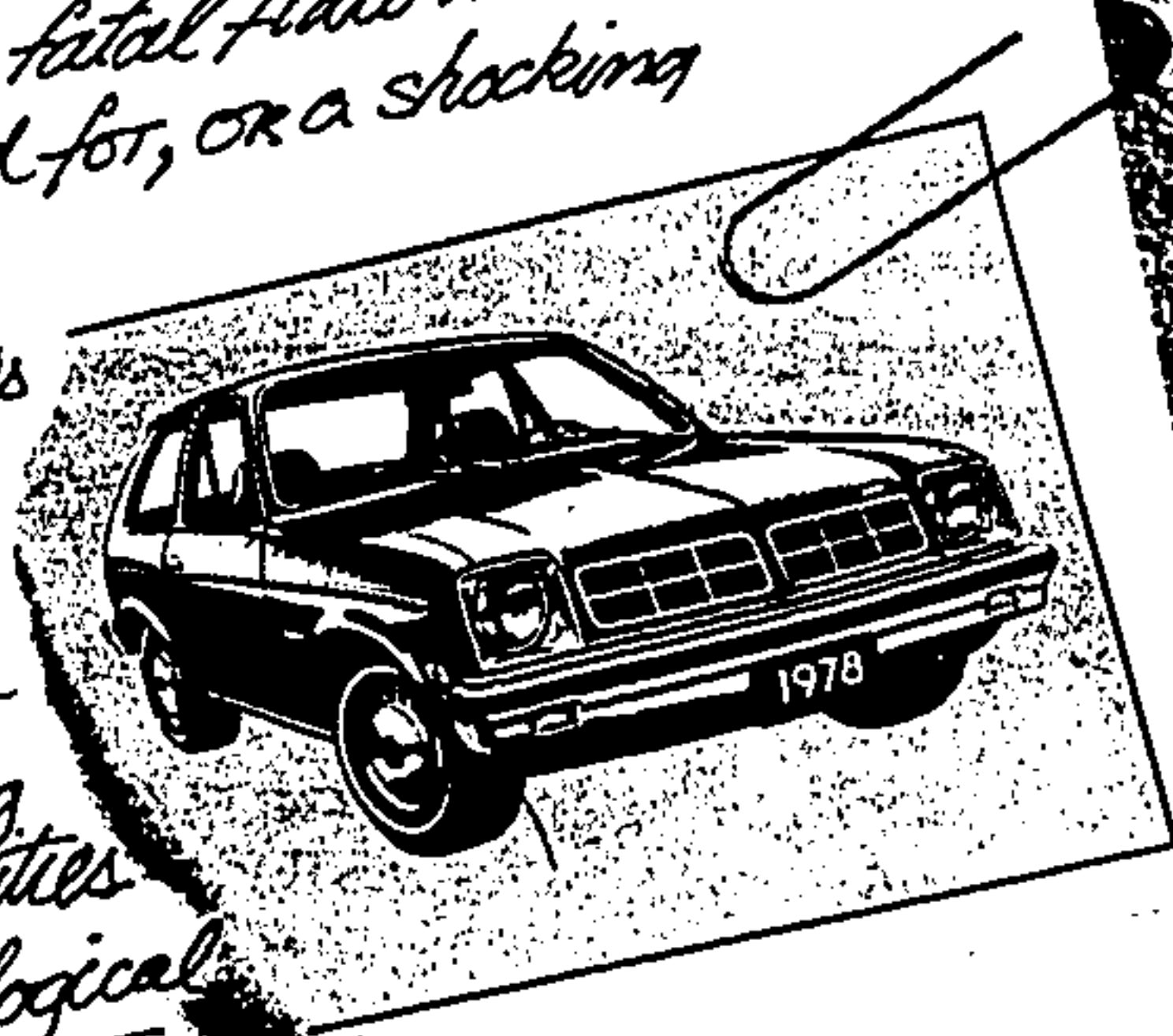
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Gerhard Rachenweefer, Professor Emeritus.



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The students walked out
Feb. 17 when the depart-
ment hired two new profes-
sors to the 18-member
faculty. Although there is a
documented interest by
students in Marxist theory,
only one professor is com-
petent to teach in this area.

The students have re-
ceived support from the
university-wide students'
association, which has be-
en pressing for "pluraliza-
tion" of the social science
faculty since 1974.

Sudbury Theatre

Love and Laughter on East
48th Street.

The Sudbury Theatre
Centre presents Neil Si-
mon's hilarious, zany com-
edy, "Barefoot in the Park",
March 1st to 11th at Fraser
Auditorium. It's the perfect
tonic for those mid-winter
blues.

The production is directed
by the STC's Artistic Direc-
tor, Tony Lloyd, designed
by Glenn De Vito and the
lighting was designed by
Dino Ventresca.

Une Nuit Sur L'etang

Le samedi 4 mars, 1978 a
l'auditorium des Sciences
de l'education a 20:00
EN VEDETTE
Robert Paquette
Francois Lemieux et Rene
Cote
Michel Dallaire
Suzanne Gratton
Paulette Legere
Cafe Chantant de l'ecole
secondaire de la Riviere-
des-Francais (Noelville)
Cuisine de Poesie

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Reminder to all ladies that
on March 31st & April 1st
the Northern Ontario
N.M.C. Retreat will be held
in Sudbury at the Kingsway
Hotel.

Ladies, Please Note:
At the Sudbury High
School Auditorium on
March 11, 1978 from 9:15
A.M. - 4:15 P.M., WOMEN
ALIVE will be holding a
conference on PRAYER.
Evelyn Christenson author
of "What Happens When
Women Pray" will be spea-
king. Tickets and informa-
tion can be obtained from
Mrs. C. Haskett - 675-1505.

Laurentian Announces a Symposium

An Assessment of the
Future of Canadian Federa-
tion March 4, 1978 at 9
a.m.
Introductory Remarks:
The Hon. Jean-Jacques
Blais
SESSION 1 - THE CUL-
TURAL CROSSROADS:
VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES
9:00 a.m.
Introductory Remarks: The
Hon. Jean-Jacques Blais,
Solicitor General
9:15 - 10:30:

THE CULTURAL CROSS
ROADS: Various Perspec-
tives
10:45 - 12:00:
The Economic Crossroads
2:00 - 3:30:
Luncheon Guest Speaker-
Gerald Godin
3:30 - 4:30:
The Political Crossroads

For luncheon tickets, tele-
phone 675-1151, Ext. 480

Notice To Lambda Staffers . . .

It's just about that time of year again. A regular meeting
must be held on Thursday, March 9 at 5:00 p.m. We must
discuss the upcoming Lambda elections for next year's
staff. We'll also take a peak at a new constitution.
Due to current business constraints, we will now be
limited to 12 page issues—more on that at the meeting.

Hey UCer's!

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BANQUET

Tickets are now available from U.C. Council members.
Cost: \$25. per couple
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Date: March 17, 1978
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